

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Policies and Cost Recovery Mechanisms for Generation Procurement and Renewable Resource Development.

Rulemaking 01-10-024

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING
FOR A STATUS REPORT ON UTILITY 2003
RESOURCE PLANS**

In 2002, the Commission adopted procurement plans for Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) in regards to the utilities meeting their energy needs in 2003. Since that time, two factors appear to have changed significantly. Specifically, natural gas prices have risen and stayed at a relatively high level for a period of months, and rainfall in the Pacific Northwest has been less than typical. These two factors can have a significant impact on the availability and cost of short-term power in California.

On March 13, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. a prehearing conference will be held in the Commission auditorium, 505 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco to hear from each of the three utilities what, if any, measures the utilities are contemplating or enacting in response to the high gas prices and poor hydroelectric conditions. Each utility should come prepared to make a presentation as to how their procurement needs are impacted by these factors and whatever actions the utilities believe are necessary to protect their customers. I would expect these

presentations to be of a general nature and not require the provision of confidential information.

This prehearing conference is informational in nature only and is not an evidentiary hearing. No Commission decision will be issued as a result of the information provided, nor will any Commission action be taken at this prehearing conference. All of the Commissioners will be invited to attend this prehearing conference

Dated March 3, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ LORETTA LYNCH

Loretta Lynch
Assigned Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail, to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Assigned Commissioner's Ruling on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 3, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ EVELYN P. GONZALES

Evelyn P. Gonzales

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